

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

Date of Completion _____

State: Iowa

Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2009 _____

Overall Report X
Two-parent Report _____ (check one)

Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? _____ yes
_____X no

PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)

1. **Name of eligibility change:** Increase in income disregard

2. **Implementation date of eligibility change:** August, 2007

3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to August 2007 FIP cases with earned income received an initial 20% deduction for the earnings followed by a 50% disregard. The remaining net income was then applied against the standard FIP grant for the household. Beginning in August 2007 the disregard was increased to 58%. This change will result in an increase in FIP grant levels for these cases due to the reduction of the net income which will be applied to the grant. Also, it will result in an increase in FIP caseload levels since some families which were previously ineligible for assistance will now become eligible with a greater percentage of their earnings not applied against their FIP grant.

4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:**

For budget purposes it is estimated that 157 additional cases per month will be on FIP which would not have been eligible otherwise due to this change and these cases will remain on assistance for an average of 3 months due to their relatively high income level which could disqualify them when their next scheduled report is due.

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2008											
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Time of Closure												
Prior years carryover	314	157										
Oct	157	157	157									
Nov		157	157	157								
Dec			157	157	157							
Jan				157	157	157						
Feb					157	157	157					
Mar						157	157	157				
Apr							157	157	157			
May								157	157	157		
Jun									157	157	157	
Jul										157	157	157
Aug											157	157
Sep												157
Total	471	471	471	471	471	471	471	471	471	471	471	471
	FY 2008 monthly average 471											

The 157 monthly case figure was based upon the number of prior cases closed/denied for earnings. These figures are estimated since no prior history exists in most cases to use for earnings comparisons for new families.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 471(increase)

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- Name of eligibility change:** Quarterly reporting rather than monthly reporting
- Implementation date of eligibility change:** March 2007
- Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to March 2007 many FIP cases were required to report on a monthly basis on their circumstances (particularly those with income). Beginning in March 2007 these cases went to a quarterly basis for reporting.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:

An 18-month period was examined (01/2006-06/2007) for the number of cases closed for failure to return a report form. Prior to 03/2007 the average was 322 cases/mo. Following 03/2007 the average went down to 196 cases/mo. Therefore, the estimate of impact for this policy change upon increased monthly FIP caseload will be 126 cases/mo. The change from monthly reporting to quarterly affected cases differently. In some situation this delayed the next review for 2 months, others had a one-month delay and still others would have had their next review at the same time. Therefore, on average it is believed that the impact of this policy change will result in more cases remaining on assistance for a period of one additional month on average since it is believed that an equal proportion of cases would have had their next review 0, 1 or 2 months later:

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2008												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
Prior years carryover													
Oct	126												
Nov		126											
Dec			126										
Jan				126									
Feb					126								
Mar						126							
Apr							126						
May								126					
Jun									126				
Jul										126			
Aug											126		
Sep												126	
Total	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	Grand Total 1,512
FY 2008 monthly average													126

- Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 126(increase)

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1. **Name of eligibility change:** End of suspension of cases going over income due to 3rd/5th check in month.

2. **Implementation date of eligibility change:** February 2007

3. **Description of policy, including the change from prior policy:**

Prior to February 2007 FIP cases which received either a third or fifth check for earned income in a given month were suspended from eligibility for a period of one month if their earnings disqualified them from eligibility since it was expected that they would return to eligibility the following month when they returned to a regular 2 –check or 4-check month. Beginning in February 2007 this provision was eliminated and the income in these months is now prorated for only the regularly anticipated 2 or 4 checks.

4. **Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change:**

An 18-month period of time was examined (01/2006 – 06/2007) to determine the average number of FIP cases suspended per month in the months before the 2/07 change. Since that figure was 69, it is believed that the number of cases remaining on FIP due to the elimination of this policy is estimated at 69 cases/mo. Since the suspension always lasted for one month, the 69 cases/mo. will only be projected for one month:

	Impact on Each Month in FY 2008												
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Time of Closure													
Prior years carryover													
Oct	69												
Nov		69											
Dec			69										
Jan				69									
Feb					69								
Mar						69							
Apr							69						
May								69					
Jun									69				
Jul										69			
Aug											69		
Sep												69	
Total	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	69	Grand Total 828
FY 2008 monthly average													69

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 69(increase)

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

Impact of All Changes		Caseload Reduction Calculation		
Increase in income disregard	471	FY 2005 TANF Caseload	19,487	
Quarterly reporting	126	FY 2005 SSP Caseload	0	
Elimination of suspension	69	Total FY 2005 Caseload	19,487	
		FY 2008 TANF Caseload	15,897	
		FY 2008 SSP Caseload	0	
		Total FY 2008 Caseload	15,897	
		Excess MOE Cases in FY 2008	1,612	
		Adjusted FY 2008 Caseload	14,285	
		Caseload Decline	5,202	26.7%
		Decline – Net Impact	5,868	
		Caseload Reduction Credit =	26.7%	
Net Impact	666			

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PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

(signature)

(name)

(title)